

## BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: Trustee Meeting, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Attending: Barbara Bryant, Chris Perks, Trevor Kimber, Frank Holliday, Mary Woolliams, Richard Bryant, Terry Smith, Councillor Judith Harley. Apologies: Tom Crook, Catherine Gundry, Pat Kennendy.

(1) The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

(2) Matters Arising. Chris was thanked for cutting back the ivy in the back garden. There will be no change in the day on which our Trustee meetings are held: it remains the second Tuesday of the month.

(3) Lets. Otis reports that the income from lets during February was: regular lets- £1,434; one off lets - £78, parties/events - £516. Total - £2,028.

The Parent and Toddler group has stopped meeting temporarily. Mothersong, a singing group for parents and children, is due to start meeting after Easter on a Tuesday morning. Oxford Citizens Advice is now using the small meeting room on three Thursday mornings a month for meetings with clients. The Date Palm group are not meeting during Ramadan and will start again in early April.

(4) Treasurer's Report. Trevor reported that the income for February was £5,719, which included £3,000 from a Community Profile grant and a £500 donation from Oxford Citizens Advice. The expenditure was £3,893.02, which included a payment for insurance of £1,232.61. We are back to paying for energy directly because we have used up the credit from the return of our deposit.

Recent grants. We received £974.49 from the Ward Councilors' Budget – which was used to cover the costs of the Xmas Community Lunch and the purchase of additional security

cameras. Thanks to Councillor Harley for her support. She said there could be funding for small capital projects. We discussed the possibility of a bench seat in the garden. We also received £400 from the second round of the Community Profile Grant – to be used towards running costs of activities directly provided by the BCA

(5) Correspondence. Richard has completed a County Council questionnaire about 'Community Hubs'.

(6) Health and Safety. We heard this week that the closures on the seven door openings on to the atrium need to be modified in order to make them compliant with new fire regulations. The work is due to be undertaken by Sureserve Compliance on the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> of March. After discussion, Trustees agreed that, because of health and safety concerns, lets which are booked between 8am–4pm should be cancelled on the days when the work is being carried out. Richard will inform the groups who will be affected by the cancellation and to contact Sureserve about ensuring that the work is completed by 4 pm, in order to allow evening lets to be held.

(7) Current Activities. The February Community Lunch, attended by 32 people including volunteers was very successful with photography in the morning and Tom Crook speaking about Victorian sewers and 'The Great Stink' in the afternoon.

(8) Future Activities. The next community lunch on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March is our Environmental day with a taster course on 'The planet in our hands' and Gardner's Question Time, with Chris Perks and Steve Woolliams, in the afternoon. The City council is also running a recycling table at lunch time. A meeting with Modern Art Oxford about the possibility of a joint project in the summer has been re-arranged for the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. They will be running a fun Art Session on the afternoon of the April Community lunch-Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April- which will be open to families with children since it is school holidays.

The subgroup on publicity has held a meeting. Tom is checking on printing costs for leaflets and posters; Gill Breeze is looking at layout and design; and Mary is checking out the number of households on Wood Farm and Town Furze. The next sub group meeting is on the 26<sup>th</sup> March.

(7) External Matters. We have received from the City Council some detailed papers on the various proposals for the reorganization of local government in Oxfordshire. Copies are in the office. Contact Richard if you want to borrow them.

AOB: No issues raised.

**Date of next Meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**

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